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President Donald J. Trump
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
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Dear President Donald J. Trump:

I am the County Executive of Rockland County which is located in the State of New York, 20 miles outside of New York City where I previously served as a Detective Commander in the NYPD. Rockland County is currently fighting the longest current measles outbreak in the United States. We have 233 confirmed cases since our outbreak began in October of 2018 with many more cases going unreported. We, and the 23 other states suffering through measles outbreaks, need your help.

We have taken many steps locally to contain this outbreak, our policy from the start has been to maximize immunizations while minimizing exposures, and we have seen success. Through these efforts 20,945 MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccinations have been given in Rockland since October 2018.

Our outbreak began when seven travelers from overseas visited our county while they were infected with measles. I respectfully request that the Federal government intervene in this matter. I would suggest that either an Executive Order be issued or laws be passed which would require that visitors from other countries present certification of appropriate immunization before being allowed entry to our country. Our country is in crisis; it is time the Federal Government take steps to protect our citizens.

Sincerely,

Edwin J. Day
County Executive

CC: Senator Charles Schumer
Senator Kirsten Gillibrand
Congresswoman Nita Lowey